

BACKS PLAN TO TAX RICH FOR DEFENSE

Industrial Relations Body Favors Keating's Income and Inheritance Levy Scheme.

The Committee on Industrial Relations, which is an outgrowth of the United States Commission on Industrial Relations, made public announcement today that it will support the Keating plan of meeting the entire cost of additional national defense by taxation of incomes and inheritances.

The Keating plan is embodied in a bill to be presented at the opening of the session of Congress in January, 1916. The bill creates a "national defense fund," to consist of an annual appropriation from the general fund of the government, and of a fund equal to the proceeds of a tax on the income and the estate, and of a fund equal to the proceeds of a tax on the income and the estate, and of a fund equal to the proceeds of a tax on the income and the estate.

APPEAL ISSUED FOR HEBREW SUFFERERS

Collection of \$400,000 for War Victims "Only Drop in the Bucket," Says Treasurer.

That the sum collected in the United States for the relief of the Hebrew war sufferers is "only a drop in the bucket," compared with the amount needed to provide for the housing, clothing, and feeding of these unfortunate people, is the substance of an appeal made out today by the central committee for the relief of Jews suffering through the war. The committee, which is located at 210 Park Row, New York, says that the sum collected in the United States for the relief of the Hebrew war sufferers is "only a drop in the bucket," compared with the amount needed to provide for the housing, clothing, and feeding of these unfortunate people, is the substance of an appeal made out today by the central committee for the relief of Jews suffering through the war.

DESTINN HEARD IN ARTISTS' CONCERT

The first concert of the Artists' Course, under the management of Mrs. Wilson, opened yesterday afternoon at the National Theatre.

Flames Destroy \$150,000 Shipping Plant in Toronto

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 3.—Fire early today completely destroyed two shipping plants of the Canadian National Company, causing damage estimated at \$150,000.

Timber-Bearing Areas Are Tending to Return To Public Ownership

Private Enterprise Finds Market for Lumber Is Falling Off and Profits Largely Wiped Out—Industry Asks for Government Investigation—In a Bad Way.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

That the great timber-bearing areas of the United States are tending to return to public ownership, is one of the striking deductions from a study of the lumber industry that is now being conducted by the Government.

A few years ago there was a nation-wide semi-panic based on the belief that the country was only a few years away from the exhaustion of its timber resources. Private enterprise was accused of a rapid decimation of the timber, and of monopolizing that which it was not cutting.

Today private enterprise, loaded up with vast areas of timber lands, finds that the market for lumber is falling off, and that profits have been largely wiped out.

COMMERCIAL DEMAND LESSENING.

The commercial demand for lumber is lessening, and increasing use of substitutes suggests that it is likely to grow smaller and smaller in coming years. Recently various governmental departments, co-operating in the study of conditions in the lumber business, have been getting their data in hand, and some general features of the subject will be discussed in a report whose issuance is expected early in the new year. It will be followed by supplemental reports dealing with conditions in various sections of the country.

In a Bad Way.

The lumber industry is in a bad way, and admits it. It is a high-water mark of prosperity about 1907, and has been in the doldrums ever since the panic at the close of that year. For twenty years before that time, there had been an era of intense speculation in timber lands. Vast areas had been traded in at prices that were not justified by the actual value of the timber. The industry had been made in incredibly short time through the increase in value of stumpage. The industry had been largely concentrated into a small number of giant combinations, and the country was left with a few small, struggling concerns.

Experience Has Been Disheartening.

But things have not turned out as was then expected. The big combinations, which had been formed on the basis of the high prices of stumpage, have been forced to sell their holdings at a loss. The industry has been left with a large number of small, struggling concerns, which are unable to compete with the big combinations. The industry has been left with a large number of small, struggling concerns, which are unable to compete with the big combinations.

SUFFRAGIST ENVOYS REACH BALTIMORE

Western Delegates to Be Escort into Capital Monday. Will Rest Tomorrow.

The two suffragist envoys who have come from San Francisco in an automobile, bringing petitions from the women voters of the West, arrived in Baltimore today, where they will rest over Sunday, so as to be fresh for the last lap of the long journey Monday morning when they will make their entrance to the National Capitol. An army of suffragists here will be on the Baltimore side to welcome them as they draw near the District line, and will escort them to the Capitol, where they will present their petitions to Congress.

The vanguard of delegates to the national convention of the Congress Union for Woman Suffrage, which will begin here Monday, arrived today. Many more are expected tomorrow, and the building which is to house the famous collection in Washington, will be made. The site of the new building, about which little has been said, will be on the White House grounds.

British Ships Sunk.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The British steamers Middleton and Clan McLeod have been sunk by submarines. Four of the Middleton's crew were killed.

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Beginning in 1907, when the depression began, there have been sharp and persistent fluctuations in the mill prices of lumber. These have been but very slightly reflected in the dealers' prices to consumers. The Trade Commission studies in prices indicate that the manufacturers have been caught between the high prices at which the bought stumpage, and the low competition of exporters, and have had to stand most of the effects of the depression. It has been a bad time for the manufacturer.

One of the Worst Evils.

From this flows one of the worst evils of the whole lumber situation. Big and highly capitalized concerns owning timber lands have been compelled to cut and sell enough lumber at least to meet fixed charges, and in doing this they have tended to cut out the finest trees and waste the poorer ones, to carry out only the best parts of the best trees, and rush the product into the market. This has resulted in a great waste in the forests and ultimately has increased the sacrifices of the stumpage owners and the manufacturers.

Fire Damage \$100.

Damage which will amount to \$100 was caused by fire yesterday at 2 Sumner row northwest. The house is occupied by Samuel Goode.

Many Babies Suffer

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FINE ARTS HEAD WILL MEET FREER MONDAY

To Make Final Plans for Construction of Building to House Famous Collection.

When Charles Moore, chairman of the Federal Fine Arts Commission, and Charles L. Freer, who is to give his \$10,000,000 art collection to Washington, meet in New York next Monday, final arrangements for the acceptance of the plans, and for the construction of the building which is to house the famous collection in Washington, will be made. The site of the new building, about which little has been said, will be on the White House grounds.

A fine between the Smithsonian building and the Agricultural Department, Mr. Moore yesterday gave the first indication of the general plan of the structure when he said that, though it was not to be like the Pan-American building, the plans call for a similar treatment of its courts, its gardening and landscape effects.

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